Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, May 15th, 1883.

Last night was the evening appointed for the regular meeting of the City Council, after a three weeks' recess, but owing to the heavy rain it was 8.05 p. m. before a sufficient number of members put in an appearance. At that hour, however, His Worship Mayor Meredith called the Council to order, and Ald. Birrell, Hyman, O'Meara, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd, Becher, Browne were in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Assessors, asking for an increase of salary from $500 to $700. No. 1.

From F. A. Fitzgerald, asking a reduction in taxes owing to his stores on Dundas street not being occupied. No. 1.

From Miss Christie, asking a grant in aid of the Newsboys' Home. No. 1.

From Alex. Farquhar, complaining of assessment for Wellington street sewer, and from D. Nolan to the same effect. No. 1.

From M. P. Grayden, acknowledging the resolution of sympathy in reference to the death of the late S. H. Graydon, Esq., passed by the Council.

From D. D. Hay, in reference to his visit to England as Ontario Emigration Agent, and asking what class of desirable emigrants were most needed. No. 1.

From Thomas Hiscox, stating that he had not received his assessment papers. No. 1.

From J. P. Simpson and others, asking the use of the City Hall for a religious discussion. Filed.

From R. Galpin, against income tax for 1882. No. 1.

From W. H. Winnett, asking for a new sidewalk on Grey street. No. 2.

From W. D. McGloghlon and others, asking for the erection of a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Park avenue and Wellington street. No. 2.

From W. Peel, asking to be allowed to erect a summer kitchen at his house on Kent street. Granted.

From A. B. Powell & Co., asking to be allowed to erect a cross sign in front of their store. No. 2.

From R. James' against the extension of O'Mara Bros.' building in the Market Bazaar. No. 3.

From Jane and Ellen Harris, asking exemption from taxes. No. 1.

From the Secretary of the Bicycle Club, asking for the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 2nd of July. No. 2, with power.

From John Burridge, asking for a reduction of rent on his store in the City Hall building. No. 1.

From Barbara May, asking remission of taxes for 1882. No. 1.

From J. E. Lee, in reference to taking away the dam at Cashmere Mills to allow the fish to come up the river. Filed.

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

From the Bennett Manufacturing Company, the Canada Chemical Works, the Steel Works and the Ontario Car Works, regarding the rates to be charged them for water.

On motion, Mr. Thos. Muir was heard in reference to the water rate charged the Ontario Car Works. He had been promised by members of the Council of 1882 free water service exclusively for fire purposes. This was not an unreasonable concession to grant an establishment like the Ontario Car Works. At present there was three quarters' rate due, $75 per quarter.

Ald. Skinner moved that the account now due by Mr. Muir to the Water Commissioners be referred to the Commissioners for collection.

Ald. Stringer was of opinion that Mr. Muir would not be injured in any way by this action, as London East Council had engaged to give the Ontario Car Works free water and would have to pay the bill.

Ald. O'Meara seconded the motion and opposed exempting the Ontario Car Works. He condemned the way in which the Water Inspector had allowed the city water pipes to be tapped in London East.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the discussion of the subject be laid over till the reading of No. 3 Committee's report.

The amendment was carried.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY REVIEW.

Col. Walker drew the attention of the Council to the contemplated visit of the Toronto volunteers on the 24th of May, and asked that the Council entertain the rank and file to one meal on that day. The officers would be entertained by the officers of the 7th Fusiliers.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that 27th rule of order of the Council be suspended. Carried.

Ald. Hyman then moved that if the two regiments come a grant of $350 be made, and if one regiment $200 be voted. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

Carried by the casting vote of Ald. Boyd.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Cowan, in the absence of Ald Hunt (chairman), presented the following reports:—(1) That the communication from the Water Commissioners be referred to the Council; (2) that the petition of O'Mara Bros. for permission to extend their stall in the Market Bazaar be referred to the Engineer with power, and that the Council be recommended to grant a lease for three to five years at a nominal rental; (3) that Hospital accounts, amounting to $696.08, be paid; (4) that $410.91, Fire Department expenses, be paid; (5) that a copy of the latest City Directory and 200 post cards be procured for Inspector Bell's use; (6) that relief accounts, amounting to $192.63, be paid; (7) that the accounts of John Law, $6, and John B. Smyth, $1.95, be also paid; (8) that the petition of Mrs. Hyam be allowed to cut a door between her stall and the one next at her own expense; (9) that water be granted to London East at $100 per month for fire purposes, and that the agreement be terminated by one month's notice from either parties.

The report was taken up clause by clause, and the first one passed.

Clause two was referred back to the Committee, and clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, were passed.

Clause 8 was referred to No. 3 Committee with power.

Clause 9 was committed.

Ald. Boyd moved that no agreement be entered into with London East for a less time than five years, seconded by Ald. O'Meara. Rate to be 1⅝.

Ald. Cowan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that $125 be substituted for $100. Lost.

The question of remitting the charges made for water against the Ontario Car Works was discussed.

Ald. Skinner moved that the question be referred back to the Water Commissioners, seconded by Ald. Boyd.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the amount be remitted.

The amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays were called as follows:—

Yeas—Ald. Birrell and Hyman.

Nays—Becher, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Boyd.

Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the application of Mr. Muir for the remission of the amount charged for water at the Ontario Car Works be referred to the Water Commissioners for collection. Carried.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the applications for water supply at the London Steel Works, the Canada Chemical Works and the Bennett Manufacturing Co. be granted on payment of 1⅝ rate. Carried.

Yeas—Birrell, Hyman, Becher, Skinner, Browne.

Nays—O'Meara, Cowan, Stringer, Boyd.

Mayor Anderson was present and withdrew their application.

The report was then adopted as amended.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne (Chairman) reported from No. 2 Committee as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to $1,991.69 be paid; (2) that the ladies having charge of the Newsboys' Home be permitted to erect a tent on the Park grounds for refreshments on the evenings of band concerts, the proceeds to be devoted to the Newsboys' Home; (3) that the petition of C. W. Andrus and C. F. Colwell for sewers were referred to the City Engineer to have the necessary steps taken to have them published in accordance with the Municipal Act; (4) a communication from the caretaker of the Exhibition Grounds with reference to one of the cattle sheds that collapsed during the winter, was referred to the Exhibition Committee of the Western Fair Board to deal with; (5) your Committee recommend that an extra horse be procured for the Fire Department, and that Committee No. 3 be requested to make the necessary arrangements with the Department for the working of the street sweeper; (6) that the tender of J. B. Wells for repairing Victoria and Blcakfriar's Bridges, being the lowest, be accepted; (7) that the request of Mr. W. Hiscott, Bandmaster of the 7th Fusileers, for permission to collect a fee at the Park gates on the evening of holding concerts be not granted, but that a grant of money be made to the band; (8) that the sum of $200 be tendered to Mr. Nelles for damages to his hack; (9) that your Committee be permitted to lay down a few sidewalks where necessary; (10) your Committee begs leave to present the report of the City Engineer in reference to repairs on Adelaide street, and that the report be adopted by the Council on the following condition:—That in the event of the London East Council refusing to pay 50 per cent. of the cost as reported, your Committee be authorized to do work on said street that would be necessary to make it passable.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

The first four clauses passed without discussion.

Ald. Skinner moved, seconded by Ald. Becher, that the clause be struck out.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the clause be referred to No. 3 Committee. Carried.

Clause six passed.

On clause seven, Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the Park be granted the 7th Batt. band on the 24th of May, to give a concert in aid of their funds. Carried.

Clause eight and nine were referred back to the Committee.

The last clause was adopted.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) Recommending the payment of accounts amounting to $2,569.09; (2) that the petition of Maria Hillier and Mrs. Mackay for remission of taxes be filed; (3) that the petition of John A. Roe for refund of overcharge of 64 cents on sewer rate be granted; (4) that the petition of Mrs. Currie for rebate of taxes on unoccupied house be filed; (5) that the petition of Sarah Tweedy and A. K. Melbourne for remission of taxes be filed; (6) your committee beg to report progress in the petitions of Jane B. Adams and Sarah Henry; (7) that the petition of Robert Coote for refund of $2.26 claimed as being assessed in error for Wellington street sewer be granted; (8) your committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for April; (9) that your committee be authorized to release David Glass, bondsman for James Taylor, late Tax Collector, previous to the year 1882, Mr. Taylor having settled the claim against him for the roll of 1881; (10) that the contract for stationery be awarded to E. A. Taylor; (11) that the contract for bookbinking, ruling, etc., be not awarded, but that estimates be obtained from time to time as supplies are required; (12) that the letting of the contract for printing be referred back to No. 1 Committee.

The report was taken up clause by clause and adopted.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ald. Cowan (Chairman) reported from the Board of Health as follows:—(1.) That the following gentlemen be appointed as public vaccinators:—No. 1 Ward, Dr. Hutchinson; No. 2, Dr. Waugh; No. 3, Dr. McArthur; No. 4, Dr. Westland; (2) that Mr. Wm. Platt, Water Inspector, be appointed assistant health officer for the current year; (3) that Philip Edwards, John Lewis and James Goodwin be appointed to act as assistants under instructions from the Chairman and Health Inspector.

Moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the report be received and adopted and that the name of Dr. McGuigan be added to the number of medical gentlemen named as public vaccinators, his duties being to attend the children belonging to the Separate Schools.

The motion was carried and the report adopted.

THE CITY HOSPITAL.

Mayor Meredith stated that a medical student had been assisting Dr. Wilkinson at the City Hospital and this time was about up. This being the case the Western University asked permission to place a student in his third year in the Hospital from the University. It would be considered as a sort of prize.

On motion, the privilege was granted.

Council adjourned for two weeks.